

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A plaster consisting essentially of ~~comprising~~ a metallocene-polyethylene nonwoven backing material having a first side and a second side, wherein the nonwoven backing material has applied to at least one of the sides, a coating of a self-adhesive composition.
2. (Previously presented) The plaster according to Claim 1, wherein the metallocene-polyethylene nonwoven has either a basis weight of from 40 to 200 g/m², or a thickness of from 0.1 to 0.6 mm, or both.
3. (Previously presented) The plaster according to Claim 1, wherein the metallocene-polyethylene nonwoven has either an ultimate tensile strength elongation lengthwise of from 300 to 700% or an ultimate tensile strength elongation crosswise of from 250 to 550%, or both.
4. (Previously presented) The plaster according to Claim 1, wherein the fibers of the metallocene-polyethylene nonwoven have a diameter of from 3 to 50 μ m.
5. (Previously presented) The plaster according to Claim 1, wherein the metallocene-polyethylene is a copolymer of ethylene and an α -olefin having a carbon number from C₄ to C₁₀, the metallocene-polyethylene having a melt index of between 1 and 50 g/(10 min) and a density of from 860 to 900 kg/m³.
6. (Previously presented) The plaster according to Claim 1, wherein the self-adhesive coating consists of a pressure-sensitive adhesive composition based on either acrylate or rubber, or both.

7. (Previously presented) The plaster according to Claim 1, wherein a reverse side of a metallocene-polyethylene nonwoven has been given a release-promoting treatment.

8. (Previously presented) The plaster according to Claim 1, which is in the form of one member selected from the group consisting of a rapid dressing, prefabricated surgical dressing, a roll plaster and a tape dressing.

9. (Previously presented) The plaster according to Claim 1, which is in the form of an adhesive tape.

10. (Previously presented) The plaster according to Claim 2, wherein the metallocene-polyethylene nonwoven has either a basis weight of from 60 to 120 g/m², or a thickness of from 0.2 to 0.5 mm, or both.

11. (Previously presented) The plaster according to Claim 4, wherein the fibers of the metallocene-polyethylene nonwoven have a diameter of from 10 to 25 µm.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously presented) The plaster according to Claim 1, which is in the form of a prefrabricated first-aid dressing.

14. (Currently amended) A plaster consisting essentially of a nonadhesive metallocene-polyethylene nonwoven as backing material having a first side and a second side, wherein the non-adhesive backing material is layered on at least one of the sides, with a coating of a self-adhesive composition, ~~and wherein the uncoated nonadhesive material does not possess adhesive properties.~~

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) A plaster consisting essentially of comprising,

(a) a backing component comprising metallocene-polyethylene fibers, and

(b) an adhesive component comprising a self-adhesive composition,

wherein the adhesive component is applied to at least one side of the backing material.

18. (Previously presented) The plaster of claim 17 wherein the metallocene-polyethylene fibers have isotropic mechanical properties.

19. (Previously presented) The plaster of claim 17 wherein the metallocene-polyethylene fibers are plastically deformable.

20. (Previously presented) The plaster of claim 1 wherein the metallocene-polyethylene fibers have isotropic mechanical properties.